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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Cole, et al.

Serial No.: 10/018,023

Filed: December 10, 2001

For: FEMORAL INTRAMEDULLARY ROD SYSTEM

Confirmation No. 4680

Group Art Unit: 3732

Examiner: Philogene, Pedro

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Enclosed for filing is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- [X] Small entity status of this application has been established by a previously submitted verified statement under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27.
[X] No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY			OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT FEE.	OR	RATE	ADDIT . FEE
TOTAL	18	minus	55	=	x 9	\$	OR	x 18	\$0
INDEP	2	minus	3	=	x 43	\$	OR	x 86	\$0
[]	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ 145	\$	OR	+ 290	\$
					TOTAL	\$	OR	TOTAL	\$0

- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Haynes and Boone, LLP Deposit Account No. 08-1394.
[X] A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 12, 2004, please consider the following remarks. Applicant hereby requests any extensions of time that maybe necessary and authorizes the Commissioner to charge payment of any fees associated herewith or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

The Claims are presented in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.